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Greater Cost Savings Noted By President

"A good record to date is not a signal to relax," President Johnson noted in a memorandum to heads of departments and agencies reviewing the government-wide Cost Reduction Program.

The President said he was pleased to learn latest estimates of FY66 cost reduction goals are now slightly more than $1 billion. First goals established for FY66 totaled $871 million for all civilian departments and agencies.

"Our savings goals must continue to be ambitious and imaginative," President Johnson said, "and we must be fully successful in meeting them.

"Defense is making good progress," the President said. "So far it has achieved $3,075 million of its goal."

The President said a statement made in his 1967 budget message still holds: "I believe we are making good progress in reducing costs and improving efficiency, but I will never be satisfied that we have done all we should."

President Johnson concluded, "It is vital that you continue to give this cost reduction program your full attention."

SecDef Claims No Change Planned in NATO Defenses

NATO must possess both non-nuclear and nuclear forces adequate to deal with a wide range of threats with the power appropriate to each, said Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara after returning from London.

He discounted a rumored shift in NATO defense strategy, saying the United States "at no time and in no way" proposed a change in the use of nuclear weapons in defense of NATO territory.

The defense secretary served as chairman at the second meeting of the Working Group for Nuclear Planning of NATO's Special Committee of Defense Ministers. The first was held last February.

Regarding France's intended withdrawal, Secretary McNamara said the special committee was organized before Gen. DeGaulle's recent statements and its work has not been influenced by them. "We would be delighted to have her participate at whatever time she chooses to do so."

FLIGHTLINE CONFERENCE—USAF Vice Chief of Staff Gen. William H. Blanchard (right) confers with Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, USAF Commander in RVN (center) and Maj. Gen. Gilbert L. Meyers, Deputy Commander, 7th AF. Gen. Blanchard visited various air bases in Southeast Asia on a recent tour.

Further Build-Up Possible To Counter Infiltration

The United States will probably have to send additional troops to South Vietnam to counter further infiltration from the north, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told the annual Chamber of Commerce of the United States meeting in Washington, D.C., May 2.

He noted the number of men being infiltrated is increasing every month, to about 4,500 monthly, which is approximately three times the level of last year at this time.

A dominant fact affecting the military situation in the south today, Secretary McNamara explained, is the infiltration that gives an indication the north refuses to enter into negotiations.

Gen. B. A. Schriever to Retire Aug. 1

President Johnson has announced his intention to nominate for retirement Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Commander, USAF Systems Command, effective Aug. 1, to be replaced by Lt. Gen. James Ferguson, present AF Deputy CofS, Research and Development, and Senior AG Member, Military Staff Committee, UN, with rank of general.

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON PROCLAIMED the week of May 15 as National Transportation Week, and May 20 as National Defense Transportation Day. The President said, "During the next two decades, we must prepare to meet a demand for transportation which will be at least twice what is required today."

NEW FUND AUTHORIZATION for general support construction, if approved, would provide DASA additional test facilities at Bethesda, Md. ($1.9 million) and shoreline protection for the Johnston Island Base ($1.7 million).

OTHER AGENCIES WOULD receive $2.3 million. DCA's portion is $.3 million for electric power improvements at Arlington (Va.) Service Center; NSA $1 million mainly for increased personnel facilities at Ft. Meade, Md., and overseas operational facilities; and DSA $1 million for general improvements to supply facilities at five U. S. locations.

AMERICAN RED CROSS assistance to servicemen in South Vietnam has increased considerably in past year. Number of cases handled each month by Red Cross workers in RVN jumped from 2,000 during first three months of 1965 to 11,000 monthly during same period this year.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD record for heavy transport flying hours logged during single month has been set by 118th Military Airlift Group, Tennessee ANG. Group recorded 1,060 hours during March.

BUPERS HAS STARTED manning Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Will Rogers, 41st and last authorized ship of Polaris Program. Addition of Navy SSBNs has added more than 10,000 personnel to U. S. submarine forces.

STARTING THIS SUMMER NASA will explore use of parachutes for Mars landing. Balloons and sounding rockets will carry experimental parachute-equipped payloads to high altitudes where the thin Earth atmosphere compares with that of Mars. Then the test units of varying shapes and sizes will be accelerated to determine how well different parachutes can be deployed behind them.

EMERGING RESEARCH CONCEPTS helping to shape directions of the sciences will be examined by 11 outstanding scientists during 1966 Air Force Office of Scientific Research Seminar, at Albuquerque, N.M., June 15-22. Seminar is sponsored by Air Force's Office of Scientific Research.

HUBERTUS STRUGHOLD AWARD was presented to Hermann J. Schaefer, Ph. D., Chief, Physical Sciences Division, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute. Dr. Schaefer, a biochemist, received 1966 award for radiation studies on Project Gemini.

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., has named the first Civil Service nurse to be promoted to head nurse position there. Mrs. Aleene J. Galloway was appointed supervisory clinical nurse under revised job classification as part of program to relieve shortage of military nurses due to situation in RVN.

GAS TRUCKERS OF 61st Trans. Co., 1st Log. Command, Qui Nhon, RVN, have "highballed" more than 40 million gallons of petroleum products over a cumulative 942,000 miles of roadway in II Corps sector since arrival in September 1965.

AIR FORCE'S SPECIAL Air Warfare Center, Hurlbut Field, Fla., celebrated its fourth birthday April 27. Center trains Air Commando units for counterinsurgency missions.

LT. COL. THOMAS E. GRAY, CO, 2d Armored Division's 14th Maintenance Bn., Ft. Hood, Tex., awarded Legion of Merit for directing project studies which resulted in sound, long range operational concepts and objectives while serving as Chief, Joint Defense Production Branch, U.S. Military Supply Mission, India, from November 1963 to July 1965.

FOOD PRESENTS CRITICAL problem for Hanoi in its aggression against RVN, according to U. S. officials. The officials said it takes 2,000 pounds of rice daily to feed a Viet Cong or NVA regiment. Recently, U. S. forces captured 1,037 tons of rice, the equivalent of a five day's supply for all the enemy forces presently in RVN.

ARMY TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL, Ft. Eustis, Va., will graduate its 100,000th student in May. School was established as Transportation Officer Candidate School at Mississippi State College in 1942, and has expanded to include officer and enlisted courses in all phases of transportation.

U.S. COAST GUARD has assigned Capt. David Oliver as Chief of Recreational Boating Division, Headquarters, Washington. He will relieve Capt. D. W. Sinclair, who has been appointed Assistant Chief for Plans and Programs, Office of Operations, Washington.

MORE THAN 100 Air Force representatives attended a flight safety conference at McConnell AFB, Kan. Theme of the conference is "Prevention 66," with emphasis on accident prevention by identifying weaknesses in operations, maintenance, and aircraft systems, and finding means for eliminating them before accidents occur.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command saved more than $1 million through cost avoidance in first year of Internal Zero Defects Program. Additional unmeasured savings in time, materials and improved management procedures were achieved.

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE submarine George C. Marshall (SSBN-654) was commissioned at Newport News, Va., April 29. Submarine is named for the late General of the Army George C. Marshall.

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Background for Commanders

Tasks Confronting The United Nations

Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, in an address before the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation on March 18, 1966, outlined the tasks ahead for the United Nations. The extracts from his address that follow show what they are and the role of the United Nations.

First, we must—and I mean that we literally must—prevent the outbreak of nuclear war if we want to have any future at all. And this task involves not only preserving the peace among the present nuclear powers, but preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to nations not now possessing them.

Second, we must find ways in which states can learn to live together and deal with their problems without resort to violence—simply because violence is so very lethal in the conditions of today.

Third, we have to deal with the problem of feeding and maintaining the exploding populations of the world. We seem to be heading toward a world of seven billion people by the end of the century, and more beyond, unless family planning becomes a reality.

Fourth, we need to meet the growing expectations of the peoples of the underdeveloped countries and to assure them of a significant degree of material progress, if we are ever to have stability in international affairs.

Fifth, we must find some way to conserve the irreplaceable natural resources of the planet and to prevent our atmosphere and our water from becoming irretrievably polluted.

And sixth, we must give to all nations and all peoples a sense of dignity, equality and identity, in a world still rife with prejudice and unwarranted privilege. Unless we do so, race conflicts and colonial problems arising from the domination of one state by another are bound to bedevil our future.

Role of the United Nations

In its first task—the keeping of the peace—the United Nations has had some impressive successes and some regrettable failures. It has prevented many disputes from erupting into conflict. Simply by providing a channel for negotiation it was helpful in ending the Berlin Blockade and thus in helping to remove that greatest threat to peace in postwar Europe. It provided the arena for working out the terms for the settlement of the Cuba missile crisis, and the UN Secretary General played an active part in reaching a solution.

The UN has been able to stop small wars and prevent them from developing into large ones. In widely separated areas—in Korea, in Indonesia, in Kashmir, along the smouldering frontiers around Israel, in Cyprus, in Greece and in the Congo—UN personnel have kept the peace, supervised truces, and kept belligerents apart.

Second, the United Nations has done what it could to help keep the nuclear genie in the bottle and to contain the destructive capabilities of modern science. Agreements for comprehensive and safeguarded arms control still elude us, and they are not likely to be found in a vast deliberative body like the UN General Assembly with its 117 delegations, large and small.

The Disarmament Commission had its origin in the context of a General Assembly consideration of the problem of disarmament. The Assembly is also responsible for the passage of a resolution to which both the Soviets and Americans have subscribed, prohibiting the orbiting in outer space of weapons of mass destruction. And the Assembly has likewise set in motion the planning for a World Disarmament Conference which could be held in 1967.

Third, the UN has served as a catalyst in bringing about the transformation—with remarkably little violence—of colonial territories into independent states, and it has served a major role in combatting race discrimination and the denial of human rights.

Fourth, the UN has moved in a significant way into the fields of economic and social development, helping to improve the standards and the quality of life and to raise underprivileged peoples above the survival level.

In all these ways the UN serves the national interests of the United States and the cause of peace.

Need for Careful Management Of Incentive Awards Stressed

Skillful management is needed to insure continued success of Department of Defense's Incentive Awards Program, said Thomas D. Morris, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

Mr. Morris explained that DOD anticipates achieving new heights this fiscal year because of legislation making nearly three million service personnel eligible for cash awards.

Ideas should be processed carefully, promptly and courteously, he said, because at least two out of three suggestions are turned down in even the most successful programs.

If the rejection is not done fairly and diplomatically with adequate explanation, Mr. Morris said, some will remain unconvinced of the validity given for not accepting their idea.

'Instant Warehouse' Developed by AF

Air Force Logistics Command's Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill AFB, Utah, has developed an "instant warehouse" of spare parts for aircraft.

The new package is a wooden container with prescribed quantities of small parts needed to support an Air Force weapon system in the field. It resembles a supply cabinet when placed on end.

The package, now in use in Southeast Asia, was designed primarily to support aircraft deployed to new bases or established bases not equipped to maintain a specific aircraft.

Nurse Margaret Clarke Given Hero's Welcome

Margaret Clarke Day was observed in Arab, Ala., honoring a hometown hero on her safe return from the Republic of Vietnam.

Lt. Col. Clarke served as chief of all Army nurses in RVN. She was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and the Air Medal for flying more than 50 hours on medical support missions.

Among those honoring Nurse Clarke were Arab's mayor, Chamber of Commerce members, the local medical association, and various youth groups.

IMPRESSED—Gen. Umberto De Martino, Commander, Allied Land Forces Southern Europe (left), asks Lt. Gen. T. J. Conway, Commander, U.S. Seventh Army, about uniforms of a unit he inspected. At rear center is Col. Bruce Merritt, VII Corps G-2.

16 Named to DACOWITS By Secretary McNamara

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has appointed 16 new members to three-year terms on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS).

The Committee advises Department of Defense on policies relating to military women, recommends measures to insure effective use of their capabilities and recommends standards for their training, housing and general welfare.

Army Jump Team Tests Flexwing

A new triangular parachute, Rogallo Flexwing, is being tested by the U. S. Army Parachute Team, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

The canopy is adapted from Army's precision drop glider parachute. First manned drops are being evaluated following a number of dummy drops.

Among the first jumpers was SSgt. Dick Harman, who also completed his one thousandth free fall with the new parachute.

Freedoms Foundation Winners In Washington Area Honored

Freedoms Foundation award winners in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area were honored at a special presentation ceremony in the nation's capital.

Among individuals and organizations receiving awards were Adm. Arleigh Burke, USN (ret.); Colonial Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, 3d Inf., USA; USMC Band, Hqs., USMC; DOD's Armed Forces Information and Education; and Maj. Gen. William H. Nutter, USA (ret.).

Others included Army's Office of the Chief of Information; editor of The Sojourner, Lt. Col. John G. Volz; USMC Division of Information; Maj. Gen. W. S. Steele, USAF, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; and USA Command Information Unit.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Brig. Gen. Hugh M. Elwood, USMC, has assumed duties as Asst. CG, 1stMAW, DaNang, RVN. **Lt. Gen. John H. Michaelis, USA,** has assumed command of Fifth U.S. Army, Chicago, Ill. **RAdm. J. A. Jaap, USN,** to be transferred from C-in-C Pacific Rep., Strategic Target Planning, Offutt AFB, Neb. to Commander, Fleet Air Wing, NAS, Whidbey Island, Wash. **Col. Edward W. Scott Jr., USAF,** brigadier general nominee, designated to command European Exchange Service succeeding **Brig. Gen. John D. Hines, USA. Maj. Gen. J. Francis Taylor Jr., USAF,** former Vice Commander, AF Communications Service, Scott AFB, Ill., retired April 30.

CONTRACT AWARDS

U.S. Bedding Co., St. Paul, Minn.: $1,933,680 contract for 70,000 steel bunk beds and 150,000 adapters. (DSA)

Vertol Div., Boeing Co., Morton, Pa.: $3,611,613 negotiated, firm fixed-price, sole source contract for components outfitting CH/UH-46 helicopters. (Navy)

Libby Welding Co., Inc., Kansas City, Mo.: $1,244,581 fixed-price order for production of 160 generator sets (75KVA). (Air Force)

H. B. Zachry Co., San Antonio, Tex.: $2,044,350 fixed-price contract for facility requirements in support of expanded aviator training at 10 separate sites ranging 2½ to 18 miles from Ft. Wolters, Tex. (Army)

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